WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Decline in exports

*24. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's exports have shown a perceptible decline during the last one year; if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the balance of trade position?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No Sir. According to preliminary figures, exports during April-September 1985-86 were Rs. 5017.63 crores compared to Rs. 5054.26 crores in the corresponding period in the previous year thus being only 0.7 per cent lower. However, excluding crude oil, the exports were Rs. 4882.48 crores compared to Rs. 4537.93 crores in the corresponding period in the previous year, thus showing an increase of about 7.6 per cent.

(b) A series of policy measures have been taken in order to increase the supply of commodities and manufactured goods for exports, making our exports competitive and for their marketing and promotion. Simultaneously, efforts are also being made to step up our indegenous production of importables during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, particularly of bulk commodities.

Study of Abid Hussain Committee Report on trade policies

*27. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inter-Ministerial Committee has considered the Abid Hussain Committee report on trade policies and submitted its recommendations; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made in this regard and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Report of the Committee on Trade Policies, headed by Shri Abid Hussain, has been considered by the Government. Copies of the Report were made available on 28.8.1985 to the Parliament Library.

The Report contains many broad conceptual recommendations, general recommendations which need elaboration before being implemented and operation recommendations. These have mostly been accepted. Several recommendations have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. Some recommendations are being further examined.

आन्तरिक पर्यटन को बढ़ावा

*28. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :** क्या संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने कोई योजना प्रारम्भ की है जिसके अधीन सातवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान आन्तरिक पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए चालीस यात्री निवासों का निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) क्या प्रत्येक राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र में ऐसे यात्री निवासों का निर्माण किया जाएगा ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश के उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां पर इस प्रकार के यात्री निवासों का निर्माण किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और उसका ब्योरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत) : (क) और (ख) : सातवीं योजनावधि के दौरान पर्यटन विभाग